

Remarks

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are presented for examination. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

By this paper, claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 16, and 19 have been amended to clarify certain features of Applicant's invention. Support for the changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

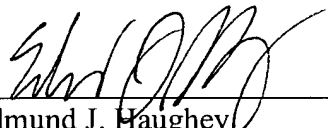
In the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as allegedly being indefinite for failure to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action indicated that claims 1-20 were otherwise allowable.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-20, and submits that the present invention previously recited in claims 1-20 complies with § 112, ¶ 2. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejection, and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite a preferred temperature at which the reaction recited in claim 1 occurs. Applicant has also made formal amendments to dependent claims 16 and 19 to overcome the specific rejections of those claims noted in the Office Action.

Applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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